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(54) Title: PROCESS FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF CYCLOORGANYLPHOSPHANES AND DI(ALKALI METAL/ALKALINE EARTH METAL) OLIGOPHOSPHANEDIIDES

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a process for the preparation of cycloorganylphosphanes of formula $1(R^1P)_n$ by reaction of dihalo(organyl)phosphanes of formula R^1PHal_2 with: a) activated zinc in an organic solvent, or with: b) an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal in a non-polar organic solvent in the presence of an activator, wherein R^1 is C_1 - C_{12} alkyl; C_3 - C_{12} cycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl, Hal is F, Cl, Br or I, and n is a number from 3 to 20. The invention relates also to novel di(alkali metal/alkaline earth metal) oligophosphanediides and to the use thereof in the preparation of organophosphorus compounds.

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1. Claims: 2 completely; 1, 5 partially

Claims 1, 2, 5 concern a process for preparing a cylcoorganylphosphane by reaction of dihalo(organyl)phosphane with activated zinc in an organic solvent.

1.1. Claims: 3, 4, 6-9 completely; 1, 5 partially

Claims 1, 3-9 concern a process for preparing a cylcoorganylphosphane by reaction of dihalo(organyl)phosphane with an alkali metal or an alkaline earth metal in a non polar organic solvent in the presence of an activator, a di(alkali metal/alkaline earth metal) oligophosphanediide, the preparation and the use thereof.

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